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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Robert-Christian Hagen et al.
Applic. No. : 09/993,266
Filed : November 19, 2001
Title : Electronic Component with Shielding and
Method for its Production

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

S i r :

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 13 (amended). A method for producing electronic components with shielding, which comprises the steps of:

providing a semiconductor wafer functioning as a semiconductor substrate formed of a semiconductor material and having an

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